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- 1. WE BRIEFED FOREIGN MINISTRY DEPUTY CHIEF OF NATO AFFAIRS (LAGNEAUX), IN ABSENCE DUE TO ILLNESS OF ERIK BAL, AND CHIEF OF POLICY PLANNING STAFF DONORME AS REQUESTED REFTEL A.
- 2. CABLE FROM BELGIAN EMBASSY WASHINGTON HAD JUST ARRIVED COVERING MUCH OF GROUND CONTAINED REFTEL B AND STRESSING CONFIDENTIALITY OF CONSULTATIONS.
- 3. LAGNEAUX AND DENORME APPRECIATED OPPORTUNITY GIVEN TO CONSULT WITH USG AND SAID THEY WOULD STUDY THE ISSUES RAISED WITH A VIEW TO MAKING COMMENTS AND/OR COUNTER PROPOSALS. LAGNEAUX DID NOT COMMENT ON USG WISH TO COMPLETE FIRST ROUND OF DIRECT INFORMAL EXCHANGES BILATERALLY IN WASHINGTON PRIOR TO DISCUSSION AT NATO. DENORME ASKED US IF THIS CHANNEL HAD BEEN SELECTED TO REDUCE POSSIBLY DAMAGING FRENCH INFLUENCE.

WE REPLIED ALONG LINES PARA 1 REFTEL A.RENNER

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